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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the October 25, 2013 compliance check of your Level B, Registered Child Development Home. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

- 110.5(1)d All medicines are in original containers with directions intact and labeled with child's name.
- 110.5(1)n Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway.
- 110.5(1)n Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
- 110.5(1)o Nonsmoking signs posted at every entrance of the home and in every vehicle used to transport children. Signs include telephone # for reporting complaints, and [www.iowasmokefreeair.gov](http://www.iowasmokefreeair.gov).
- 110.5(1)v The provider has written policies about responding to health-related emergencies. *Need to update policies.*

You should have a written policy outlining the procedures and actions you will take in the event of a health-related emergency. The policy should address the following:

- ◆ First aid measures
- ◆ Contacting emergency medical services
- ◆ Transporting of an ill or injured child
- ◆ Contacting parents
- ◆ Care for the other children in your care during the emergency

COMMENTS: Assistance with developing policies is available from your child care health consultant at your child care resource and referral agency.

**110.5(2) A provider file is maintained and contains:**

110.5(2)a A physician's signed statement of health and immunization status on the provider and all members of the household who may be present when children are in the home. Statements must be obtained at the time of initial registration and updated every two years.

**110.5(8) Children's Files**

110.5(8) An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:

110.5(8)d For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.

Example of Policy:

*An example for policy handbook: Department of Iowa Policy states that before the first day of care the parent must complete an intake form and signed medical consent for each child attending. Within 30 days the parent must provide a physical signed by a physician and an updated immunization. Regardless of when children started attending (daycare name), every year by August 1 the parents must provide an updated physical and immunization to provider. Children who do not return the requested paperwork by due dates will not be able to attend (daycare name) until paperwork is returned. Failure to complete paperwork could result in losing a slot at (daycare name).*

**110.9(1) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME**

**CATEGORY "B"** *Provider was not over numbers at the time of the compliance check. The following is a refresher as to how many children provider can care for a Cat. B home.*

110.9(1)a Not more than six preschool children present at any one time including infants.

110.9(1)b Of these six children, not more than four children who are 24 months of age or younger are present at any one time.

110.9(1)b Of the four children under 24 months of age, no more than three may be 18 months of age or younger.

110.9(1)c Not more than four additional school-age children.

110.9(1)d Not more than two children who are receiving care on a part-time basis at any one time.

110.9(1)e Not more than 12 children present when the emergency school closing exception is in effect.

110.9(1)f When more than 8 children are present for more than two hours, a DHS-approved assistant at least 14 years old is present.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. **Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations within the next 45 days.**

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, a recheck or follow up visit to your home is not necessary. However, it is essential you provide documentation to the Department that certifies you have corrected each of the identified regulatory violations and are now in complete compliance with all Departmental regulatory mandates. **Please check mark each of the boxes listed above when the necessary corrections have been completed. By doing so, you certify that you have completed all of the mandated regulatory requirements contained within each identified section.**

**I certify that I have taken all of the steps necessary to correct each of the identified violations noted above and am now in complete compliance with all of the Departmental mandated regulatory rules.**

**Please sign and date below, and return this form in the provided envelope by:  
December 31, 2013.**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at (712) 328 - 5713 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at 1-800-945-9778.

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. You can access the approved training by going to [http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child\\_Care/Professional\\_Development.html](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html) and you can sign up for training at <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/>

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).